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Free Writers' Toolkit Workshop for Writers, Poets and Musicians

The West Virginia Center for the Book and the West Virginia Division of Culture and History are sponsoring the **Writer's Toolkit**, a free creative workshop, on Saturday March 2 in the West Virginia Culture Center. Registration begins at 9:00 in the Culture Center Great Hall.

The workshop will be led by essayist Cat Pleska, children's book author and poet Anna Smucker, songwriter Pete Kosky, family history consultant Mary Glass, and travel writer Robin Taylor. The workshop leaders will present sessions on writing about family history, mining your own life experiences for a memoir, writing songs in the folk tradition, and geocaching.

Registration is 9:00-9:45 am in the Culture Center Great Hall. The morning sessions are 10:00-noon in various rooms of the Culture Center; staff will be on hand to help participants find their workshops. Participants are free for lunch from noon to 1:00 pm. Lunch is not provided. Faulty books will be on sale in the Great Hall during lunch.

A panel discussion will follow at 1:00-1:45 pm in the Norman L. Fagan West Virginia State Theater. John Paul Myrick will moderate the discussion. Myrick is Library Development Director for the West Virginia Library Commission and Director of the West Virginia Center for the Book. Afternoon sessions will be 2:00-4:00 pm.

More information on the Writers' Toolkit is available on the West Virginia Division of Culture and History website, www.wvculture.org/events/writers/2013flyerprogram.pdf.

The event is co-sponsored by the West Virginia Center for the Book, an affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. The West Virginia Library Commission, in partnership with the West Virginia Humanities Council, hosts the West Virginia Center for the Book. The Center supports projects that celebrate books, reading and West Virginia's literary heritage to audiences statewide.

